

# The Conclusion of One Accord or Discord... Time for the Church to Choose

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The whole point of the series, "One Accord or Discord - Time for The Church to Choose" was not to get anyone to conform to any particular belief. There have been debates and arguments about Biblical issues for thousands of years, there have even been wars over such debates. Our intention was not to pick fights with other religions, but rather to get Christians to realize that many of these arguments and debates **within the Christian Church** are doing more harm than good concerning our efforts to spread the Gospel. We hear of many reports of declines in church attendance and we hear of young people, especially those attending colleges, falling victim to Secular Philosophy. We cannot combat these trends if we are so busy fighting each other. The way I see it is that we should seek the common ground such as the basic tenants of the gospel such as those mentioned in John's Gospel:

## [John 1:1-5 \(NKJV\)](#)

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it...

## Continuing: [John 1:10-13 \(NKJV\)](#)

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. <sup>11</sup> He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. <sup>12</sup> But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

The world is full of distractions propagated by people attempting to lead others one way or another. Remember, Satan's full time job is to lead people away from God and His precious Word. Satan can be successful only if we allow him to be successful. Contrary to popular belief, Satan has absolutely no power over anyone. He was defeated through the sacrifice of Jesus - he is powerless! Even in the Garden of Eden, Satan had no power. He did not force Adam and Eve to do anything... he convinced them by manipulating the truth to relinquish their dominion and power over to him. Every time Christians allow doctrinal issues to override the Gospel, someone's eternal life may be at stake, so take heed as to who is within earshot of your arguments. The Bible says that Faith comes by Hearing, and Hearing by the Word of God - not the words of man which is what most doctrinal issues are eventually traced back to. It is okay to debate the issues especially when Biblical truths are the subject of debate, however, the important thing to be aware of is who your audience is and to be sensitive to the reactions your debating may cause. As I said in the beginning of the series, "no one wants to go to a bar where there's a fight already going on." The same is true for Churches and Bible studies. I will close with the following:

## [Proverbs 18:21 \(NKJV\)](#)

Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.